

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 22, 2007 MINUTES**

On Tuesday, May 22, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:00 AM with Commissioners David Schulz, Lewis Stahl and Jim Hart present.

Jim Hart moved to approve the May 15, 2007, minutes as read. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Jim Hart moved to approve May 17, 2007, minutes as read. David Schulz seconded the motion. Lewis Stahl abstained from voting as he was not present for that meeting. Jim Hart and David Schulz voted aye. The motion carried on a majority vote.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Doris Fischer, Staci Beecher, Suzanne Powers, and Barbie Durham.

Board Appointments: Per verbal consent of both parties to hold their positions for another term, Jim Hart moved to reappoint John Anderson and Bill Tate to the Alder Rural Fire District Board for three year terms which will expire on May 1, 2010. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Per conversation with Bonnie Hernandez, Madison Valley Fire District Board Secretary, Jim Hart moved to reappoint John Lounsbury for the remainder of a three year term which will expire on May 1, 2009; to reappoint Jack Reints for a three year term which will expire on May 1, 2010; and to appoint Otis Thompson to replace Gary Gustin for a three year term which will expire on May 1, 2010, all to the Madison Valley Rural Fire District Board. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Per verbal consent to hold the position for another term, Lewis Stahl moved to reappoint Dick Barr to the County Compensation Board for a three year term that will expire on June 1, 2010. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Planner Position: The Board reviewed applications for the Planner position. Per conversation with Ann Schwend, Planning Board member, the Board scheduled a work session to review applications with a subcommittee from the Planning Board for Thursday, May 31, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Virginia City.

Upland Meadows Encroachment Change: Doris Fischer, Planner, Staci Beecher, Planner 1, and Suzanne Powers, Headwaters Realty, met with the Board to discuss a proposed change in the location of the shared driveway and utility easement for Lots 1 and 3 of Upland Meadows Subdivision. Per recommendation of the Planner, Jim Hart moved to approve the amendment to Lots 1 and 3 of Upland Meadows Subdivision with the understanding that documents will not be recorded until a new encroachment permit has been received. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis Stahl left the meeting at this point to travel to Big Sky.

Guide to Citizen Initiated Zoning: Doris Fischer, Planner, and Staci Beecher, Planner 1, met with the Board to discuss a draft version of a guide for citizen initiated zoning in Madison County. David Schulz stated that he is very pleased with this endeavor and is encouraged that it will make it easier for landowners to come together for zoning. The planning department will share this draft with the County Attorney, the Clerk and Recorder, and Myra Shultz, MACo Land Use Attorney, before presenting the Board with a final copy.

County Housing Task Force: Doris Fischer, Planner, Staci Beecher, Planner 1, and Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, met with the Board to discuss County Housing Task Force. This committee had been organized in an effort to develop a county housing plan. This plan has been adopted and the task force no longer meets. The Planning and Grant departments would like to reactivate the group to implement the plan and pursue funding opportunities for housing projects. Jim Hart moved to reinvigorate the existing County Housing Task Force and apply for Gallatin Planning Grant funding if there is money still available. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Southwest Chemical Dependency Designation: Jim Hart moved to approve the Service Provider Designation from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, allocating County earmarked alcohol tax money for the provision of chemical dependency treatment and prevention services to Southwest Chemical Dependency Services of Livingston, Montana, for Fiscal Year 2008. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Missouri River Drug Task Force Agreement: Jim Hart moved to accept the Missouri River Drug Task Force Local Agreement for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, for the purpose of establishing general guidelines for a multi-agency task force to address drug-related crime. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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With no further business this portion of the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The remainder of the Board traveled to Big Sky, Montana to conduct a Joint Work Session with the Gallatin County Board of Commissioners.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: May 29, 2007

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